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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO U.S. INITIATIVES AT MEXICO CITY MFM:

INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: STATE 64548

1. SUBSTANCE REFTEL CONVEYED BY EMBASSY NOTE DELIVERED PERSONALLY BY SCICOUNS TO UNDER SECRETARY FOREIGN RELATIONS GALLASTEGUI APRIL 3. MATTER DISCUSSED WITH HIM AND FONSEC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION, MEYER PICON, AS WELL AS WITH CONACYT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, MARTIN DEL CAMPO.

2. IN ALL INSTANCES, US INITIATIVE WELL RECEIVED. KNOWLEDGE THAT USG CONSULTING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH OTHER ARA GOVERNMENTS CAUSED VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION, AS DID ASSURANCE OF FLEXIBILITY IN US VIEWPOINT.

3. GOM OFFICIALS CONSULTED SUPPORT US PROPOSAL THAT MFM ESTABLISH AD HOC GROUP TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMISSION PROPOSAL. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE AD HOC GROUP, PERHAPS WITH SOME ADDITIONS.

4. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD MEET PERHAPS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER CLOSE OF OAS ATLANTA SESSION AND BE PREPARED TO SPEND AT LEAST ONE WEEK, PREFERABLY TWO, IN
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PRESENTATION VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW AND FORMULATION OF RECOM-

MENDATIONS.

5. PENDING MORE CAREFUL STUDY OF NOTE, INITIAL GOM COMMENTS WERE:

A) UNDER SECRETARY GALLASTEGUI: NO NEED FOR A NEW AGENCY. IT PREFERABLE COMMISSION BE SET UP UNDER THE OAS.

B) MEYER PICON: ACCORDING TO WHAT A SMALL GROUP OF US (FON SEC: GALLASTEGUI, MEYER PICON; CONACYT: DIRECTOR GENERAL BUENO ZIRION, MARTIN DEL CAMPO; SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE REGISTRAR OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ENRIQUE AGUILAR) UNDERSTAND AS TO WHAT HE MEANT, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT MR. KISSINGER'S COMMENTS ON BRINGING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES INTO THE PICTURE. THE QUESTION IS, IN WHAT CAPACITY? AS ADVISERS? THAT WOULD BE QUITE ACCEPTABLE. BUT, AS COMMISSION MEMBERS? -- THAT MIGHT CAUSE REAL PROBLEMS.; WE ARE QUITE AWARE THAT IN THE US, THE PRIVATE SECTOR PRODUCES THE MAJOR PART OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT COMES INTO BEING -- ACTUALLY, IT IS SORT OF SELF-GENERATED -- WHEREAS IN LATIN AMERICA, IT IS THE GOVERNMENT WHICH DOES MOST OF THE RESEARCH, WHETHER BASIC, OR APPLIED, WHILE INDUSTRY DOES VERY LITTLE. THERE IS, THEREFORE, A MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN BOTH CONCEPT AND PRACTICE, AND THAT IS "LA GRAN PREOCUPACION."

C) MARTIN DEL CAMPO, WHILE INDICATING HIS STRONG APPROVAL OF THE OVERALL US PROPOSAL, TOUCHED UPON THE SAME POINT OF CONCERN AS TO HOW TO BRING INDUSTRY INTO THE INTER-AMERICAN DELIBERATIVE PROCESS. HE ALSO MADE THE COGENT OBSERVATION THAT MOST LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES ARE GOVERNMENTAL. IN THAT CONVERSATION SCICOUNS REFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY-UNIVERSITY CONSULTATIVE PROCESS USED SO SUCCESSFULLY BY THE US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES/NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OVER THE LAST HALF CENTURY AND GAVE EXAMPLES OF ITS MERIT.

FYI. SCI COUNS TOUCHED UPON THE POINT AND OTHERS RELATED THERETO, IN HIS MARCH 27 LETTER TO SIEVERING (SCI) AND ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM. END FYI.

THE GOM REPS RECOGNIZE THAT THE SYSTEM WORKS IN THE US BUT ARE FEARFUL OF ITS CONSEQUENCES IN THE INTER-AMERICAN CONTEXT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL THEREFORE WISH TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
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TO THESE MISGIVINGS.

6. MARTIN DEL CAMPO AND HIS DEPUTY, LIC. ALFREDO RAMIREZ ARAIZA ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THIS THOUGHT: THE EXISTING INTER-AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES HAVE NEVER REALLY FOCUSED ON LATIN AMERICA'S NEEDS FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND UTILIZATION AS SUCH BUT ONLY FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCY POINTS OF VIEW, E.G. THE ECONOMIC ASPECT, THE SOCIAL ASPECT, THE

EDUCATIONAL ASPECT, THE CULTURAL ASPECT. THEY FELT IT WAS HIGH TIME THAT THE MATTER BE GIVEN URGENT CONSIDERATION IN ITS TOTALITY. HENCE THEY PIN RATHER HIGH HOPES ON THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE US INITIATIVE.

7. COPY EMBASSY NOTE BEING PROVIDED TO CONACYT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER REGISTRAR.

8. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MATTER, THE EMBASSY IS NOT VERY SANGUINE ABOUT RECEIVING A FORMAL REPLY FROM THE GOM BY THE DESIRED DATE OF APRIL 5. FOR THAT REASON, IT HAS ENDEAVORED TO MAKE THIS REPLY AS SUBSTANTIVE AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, THE COMMENTS RECORDED HEREIN MUST BE CONSIDERED AS INFORMAL.
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